GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:56
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2002
ROYALTY ON OIL AND GAS
BHAVNA DEVRAJ CHIKHALIA;GORDHANBHAI JAVIA

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times royalty on crude oil and natural gas revised during the last three years ending March 31, 2002;

(b) the amount of royalty paid to various States on crude oil and Natural Gas during the last three years ending March 31, 2002, year-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal to pay royalty to States for off-shore production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 56 TO ANSWERED ON 21.11.2002 REGARDING ROYALTY ON OIL AND GAS

(a) & (b): Royalty on natural gas is payable @ 10% of wellhead value obtained by the lessee. Royalty payable on crude oil has, however, been revised, from Rs. 578 per Metric Tonne to Rs. 850 per Metric Tonne, on a provisional basis thrice during April, 1999 to March, 2002, pending finalisation of the rates. During the last three years ending 31st March, 2002, the royalty on crude oil and natural gas paid to various States, year-wise, was as follows:

Year	Amount in Rs. Crore
1999-2000	885
2000-01	1013
2001-02	1124

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.